## NOAA Fisheries Service Office of International Affairs (F/IA)

New Council Member Orientation

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## International Responsibilities: Mandated Work

- **► Magnuson-Stevens**
- **➤ Marine Mammal Protection Act**
- > Endangered Species Act
- Implementing legislation for treaties and agreements:
  - e.g., Pacific Salmon Treaty Act, Atlantic Tuna Convention Act, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act, and more
- ➤ Bilateral agreements with other governments (Japan, Russia and others)

#### F/IA Office Structure & Responsibilities

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- United Nations, FAO
- Asia Pacific Economic Conference
- IATTC, WCPFC
- Caribbean Convention
- CITES
- SPAW & SPREP
- Bering Sea Fisheries (Donut Hole)
- International Bycatch Reduction TF
- IUU & High Seas TF
- Driftnets
- NASCO
- Pacific Salmon Commission
- US-Mexico
- US-Iceland

- ICCAT
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- World Trade Organizations
- OECD
- Free Trade Agreements
- Asia Pacific Economic Conference
- International Whaling Commission
- North Atlantic Fisheries Organization
- Convention on Biological Diversity
- High Seas Permits
- Foreign Fishing Permits
- Sea Turtles
- **US-Canada**
- US-Chile
- US-Vietnam

### F/IA Staffing

- >16 policy staff
- >3 support staff
- >1 contractor
- >1 Sea Grant Fellow

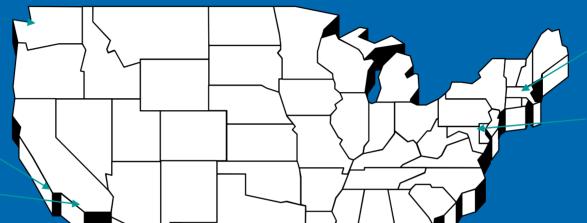
### International Activities Outside of F/IA

Seattle, WA **Northwest Region** Northwest **Fisheries Science** Center **Alaska Fisheries Science Center** 

Long Beach, CA Southwest Region

Southwest Center

LaJolla, CA **Fisheries Science** 



Pacific Islands Region **Pacific Islands Fisheries Science** Center

Juneau, AK Alaska Region Gloucester, MA Northeast Regional

Woods Hole, MA **Northeast Fisheries Science** Center

St. Petersburg, **FL Southeast** Region

> Miami. FL Southeast **Fisheries Science** Center

### Contemporary Challenges

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## Top International Priorities: 2006-2011

- Science-based, ecosystem approach to management
- Prevent, deter and transform IUU fishing
- Ensure U.S. access to marine resources through fishing and trade
- Improve the marine stewardship capacity of developing countries

## Regional Fishery Management Organizations

- Summary tables covering:
  - implementing legislation
  - species and parties
  - U.S. commissioners
  - Council(s) and Relevant Fishery Management Plan(s)
  - top U.S. objectives

# Other International Bodies and Arrangements

- International activity for living marine resource conservation also occurs in many other bodies (CCAMLR, IWC, CBD, CITES, SPREP, APEC)
  - Summary tables covering:
    - implementing legislation, if any
    - species managed/purpose
    - parties
- Other global organizations with a role in fisheries: UN, FAO and OECD

### **Role of Councils**

- Serve on Advisory Councils
- Harmonize regulations
- Provide background information on the fishery
- > Outreach

### Thank you!